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SUBJ: DEFENSE MINISTER ISIK STATEMENT ON PASSAGE EAGLETON
AMENDMENT

1. DEFENSE (AND ACTING FONMIN) ISIK IN BRIEF Q AND A SESSION WITH
REPORTERS OCTOBER 1 MADE STATEMENT CONCERNING SENATE PASSAGE OF
EAGLETON AMENDMENT. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

2. "THE DISCONTINUATION OF MILITARY AID WILL NOT MAKE TURKEY ALTER
THE POLICIES WHICH SHE DEEMS NECESSARY. I DO NOT THINK THAT, WHEN
AID IS CUT OFF, TURKEY'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS HER NATIONAL CAUSES WILL
HAVE BEEN WEAKENED MORE THAN THE DEFENSE STRENGTH OF THE ENTIRE
ALLIANCE. LET ME REPEAT, THE QUESTION OF AID TO TURKEY IS A QUESTION
OF ALLIANCE. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT EVERYONE WILL ASSESS IT IN THIS
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WAY."

3. "IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE DECISION WITH COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE FULL TEXT AND A SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE DEBATES WERE HELD."

4. "CERTAINLY, TURKEY WILL MAKE NO CHANGE IN HER CYPRUS POLICY (AND) WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAINING TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BECOME VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL."

5. COMMENT: GOT PRESENTLY TAKING A "WAIT-AND-SEE" ATTITUDE ON THE AID CUT-OFF. IN THE MEANTIME, DESPITE PROVACATIVE QUESTIONING FROM LOCAL PRESS, EFFORT CLEARLY BEING MADE TO KEEP OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS AS NON-PROVACATIVE AS POSSIBLE.
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